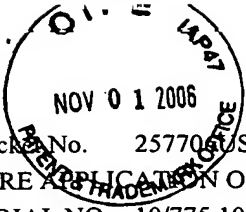


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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 in the above-identified application.

- ☒ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Declaration of Prior Invention Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 with Attachment 1 and Attachment 2

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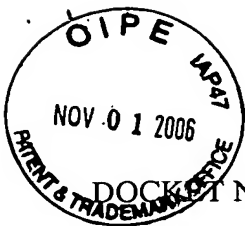
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In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.